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In re application of
Thomas L. BRANDT, et al.
Serial No. 09/974,809
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR \$1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be accepted under the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.47(a) even though the third listed inventor, namely Neil D. TURNER, has refused to sign.

There is submitted herewith declarations signed by inventors Thomas L. BRANDT, Daniel N. WILKENS and Harold N. TURNER on their behalf, and on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

The last known address of the omitted inventor is: RD1 Box67C, Brackney, Pennsylvania 18812, U.S.A.

Attached hereto is a declaration by the undersigned attorney, setting forth compliance with the procedures set out at section 409.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. As is indicated in the undersigned's accompanying statement, a copy

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of the complete application as filed, together with a suitable Declaration and Power of Attorney form, was sent to the non-signing inventor at his last known address. The package was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and included a cover letter instructing Neil D. Turner to sign the application as soon as possible and return the same within 15 days. The returned receipt card was signed by Neil D. Turner, with a date of delivery designated as May 17, 2002. To date, however, we have yet to receive any other response from the non-signing inventor, and, specifically, we have not received the executed application papers.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite 37 CFR §1.17(h) petition fee of \$130 to counsel's Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

Respectfully submitted,

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